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Monthly Newsletter

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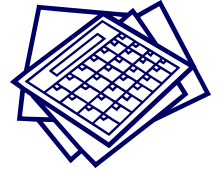
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*President - Dick Odum Vice President - Dan Hubbard Secretary - Bob Smith Treasurer - Stephen Schmidt*



## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors always Welcome!*

**May 19th - 7 p.m.**  
Monthly Meeting

*See President's Dispatch for details*

## *The President's Dispatch*

The April meeting was used to discuss the upcoming HOLPEX show and get commitments from club members to volunteer for about twenty HOLPEX assignments. By the time you receive this newsletter, HOLPEX 2016 will be history. The June newsletter will discuss this event. This HOLPEX will be the 35<sup>th</sup> stamp show that our club has helped organize since the club's inception and I hope it will be one of our best. We actually had more exhibit material this time than we had frames for even after expanding to eight larger frames.

Chris White could not attend the April meeting, so, we rescheduled the discussion about Facebook to a future meeting. We did however vote on a proposal from Bob Smith to spend up to \$40 to promote our club on Facebook with the purpose of outreaching to attract younger possible new club members.

One of the things I did in support of HOLPEX 2016 was do some research about our club's history for an exhibit I put together about our club. I discovered that we have a fairly complete set of organized newsletters going back to the club's beginning thanks mainly to Mike Chesman and Don Ashley (and probably others). One of the things I learned was that the club was formed in 1967 and 2017 will be the golden jubilee or semicentennial anniversary of the club's founding. In preparation for next year's HOLPEX, I suggest the club solicit design suggestions for a special HOLPEX show cover for May 2017 to celebrate this special anniversary. Club members are invited to submit their designs and we will select a finalist during our November meeting. On the next page I show an example to get you thinking.

On page 3 is a copy of the club's first newsletter from 18 March

1967. It describes the organizing of the club three days earlier on 15 March 1967 and the temporary officers. To my knowledge, Charlie Overstreet was the last surviving charter member. Charlie resigned after 44 years as a club member and officer in July 2011 and passed away in 2015. I will include more of the club's history in future newsletters as we approach our jubilee.

Following the HOLPEX planning during the April meeting we moved to a special auction, which included 20 items from the lots the club bought at KnoxPEX of which all but one item sold. It is apparent we will quickly recover our investment because the bidding was enthusiastic particularly on the country lots initially priced at two cents per stamp.

Our next club meeting is at the Northeast State Community College Student Services building on Thursday (beginning at 7 PM) on May 19. We will continue with special auctions so bring your items to the May meeting (now a maximum of 20 per member). Please fill out the special auction sheet for you lots in advance (two copies please) and mark the lots accordingly.

I look forward to seeing you in May.

*Dick*

*President's dispatch continued.*

Dick's announcement of a design competition for a HOLPEX 2017 cover and an example to spark your imagination.

## SEMI-CENTENNIAL COVER DESIGN COMPETITION

Club Members Submit Your Design



Club will vote and choose favorite  
Cover Planned for HOLPEX 2017

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Unless otherwise indicated  
by announcement in the newsletter,  
Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular  
meeting on the third Thursday  
each month at 7 p.m.

### Hope to C. U. there

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**\*OUR INTERNET WEBSITE\***  
[www.sefsc.org/holston-stamp-club.html](http://www.sefsc.org/holston-stamp-club.html)



## *Treasurer's Report*

Balance on hand end of Mar. 2016 \$1,945.50

Income during April \$269.91

2016 Club Dues (1) \$ 15.00

Cash Donations \$ 0.36

Sale of Club Material \$160.10

APS Circuit Sales \$ 94.45

Expenses during April \$220.88

Apr. Newsletter \$ 11.83

APS Circuit Sales \$209.05

Balance on hand end of Apr. 2016 \$2,094.53

FYI: There were five members who altogether brought 84 items for the April meeting special auction. Sixty-one items sold for a total of \$240.20.

## *Stamp of the Month*

*by your newsletter editor*

The first U.S. air post stamps, Scott C1, C2 & C3 feature a Curtiss Model JN-4HM biplane, a Jenny that had been modified for carrying mail. The Jennys were popular biplanes for training pilots during World War I and many were surplus once the war ended. The Post Office bought Jennys to begin regular air service between Washington, DC, Philadelphia and New York City in 1918 and then issued these stamps in 1918 to use on letters that would be delivered via "air mail". A restored Curtiss JN-4H will be on display in the Jacob Javits Convention Center during the World Stamp Show-NY 2016 and near it will be a 24 cent stamp with an inverted center (Scott C3a) that will be auctioned by the Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries during the week long show.



HOLSTON STAMP CLUB  
-Johnson City, Kingsport, and Bristol-

Newsletter #1.

March 18, 1967.

The Holston Stamp Club was organized on March 15, 1967, during a meeting held at the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association in Johnson City, Tennessee.

The following philatelists were in attendance: Dan Blocker, George A. Finchum, Stan Green, Otto Holzer, W. Grover Lamb, Jr., Henry M. Sikes, and Fred J. Stork of Johnson City; Glen Callahan, Lynn Easley, G. K. Finch, and Chester H. Penning of Kingsport; J. H. Meikle and H. R. Sayre, Jr. from Bristol. *CHARLES OVERSTREET was attending.*

During this initial business meeting, the following motions were approved:

1. The name of the organization to be The Holston Stamp Club (to include collectors from East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia).
2. To meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at a place to be designated
  - a. It was decided that meetings would be held alternately in Johnson City, Kingsport, and Bristol
  - b. However, it was suggested by those in attendance from Kingsport and Bristol that the next three meetings (April 6, May 4, and June 1) be held in Johnson City during this organizational period.
3. All persons who join the club between March 15 and June 1 will be considered charter members.
4. Membership is to be on an invitational basis during the interim period. All members at the initial meeting have been appointed to act as individual committees-of-one for membership growth and approval.
5. Temporary dues of \$1.00 per member were assessed to cover the costs of:

a. Postage during the pre-organizational mailing period by W. Grover Lamb . . .	\$6.00
b. Membership dues for affiliation with American Philatelic Society . . . . .	4.25
c. Membership dues for affiliation with National Federation of Stamp Clubs . . .	2.00
(Total collected at 1st meeting: \$12.00)	Total expended. \$12.25
6. Applications to A.P.S. and N.F.S.C. mailed on March 18 with checks.
7. Temporary officers were elected to serve pro tempore until June 1 when the entire membership will elect officers under a new constitution.
  - a. President: W. Grover Lamb
  - b. Vice-president: Dan Blocker
  - c. Secretary-Treasurer: George A. Finchum
  - d. Governor for Johnson City: Henry M. Sikes
  - e. Governor for Kingsport: Chester H. Penning
  - f. Governor for Bristol: H. R. Sayre, Jr.
8. W. Grover Lamb, Jr., who has worked hardest to bring about this organization, and who was elected President pro tempore, was given the additional assignment of drafting a constitution for the club.
9. Dan Blocker was given the assignment of program planner for the next three meetings. He was asked to order programs from A. P. S. and A. T. A. as soon as possible.
10. George A. Finchum is the person responsible for this newsletter, meeting notices, and other mailings during the interim period until June 1.

Send all correspondence to: George A. Finchum  
Box 2301, E.T.S.U.  
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601



## CLASSIFIED SECTION

### Items Holston Stamp Club members interested in selling.

**Charlie (Dr. Rocks) Bartlett** can help you fill holes in your collection.

As you may know by now, I have a six-volume set of World Stamp Albums with over 20,000 “extra” stamps ready for you to borrow and flip through at your leisure to fill in some of the gaps in your collection. You will find an abundance of pre-1900 stamps and even more dating from 1900 to 1965 with fewer after 1965. I'm still trying to work up more of the British Commonwealth countries in a separate album. But the best news is that anything in these albums is yours for only 10% of catalogue value (You Heard That Right) ten percent!

I prefer that you keep your choice of an album for only one month so that other club members can have a chance to use it also.

Isn't it easier to leisurely compare the empty spots in your albums when you search my extras so you don't buy duplicates from the club auctions since you can't remember all the stamps you already have?

Also, on many pages, there are other duplicates in the binder crease of these in-place extras from which you can make your selections.

Have Fun and Happy Collecting!

### Items Holston Stamp Club members interested in buying

**Dan Hubbard** is always looking to purchase used stock books of all types. Contact me directly or bring them to the next meeting.

**Don Ashley** (e-mail [dwa7@bvunet.net](mailto:dwa7@bvunet.net)) wants the following:

Uncached FDCs: any quantity, preferred left side free of address. Address centered or to the right side and open flap highly desired. Please advise what you have available.

Also interested in dual FDCs for joint issues with foreign countries.

**Ed Ferber** is buying and selling government postal cards - US, Possessions, Canada, Caribbean islands, WW. Interested in mint and used, collections or individual cards, early or contemporary use. Greatest interest in illustrated advertisement and unusual usage (e.g.: rare foreign destination, auxiliary marking, special delivery). Please contact Ed at [my.collie.dog@gmail.com](mailto:my.collie.dog@gmail.com) or his 302-593-4192 cell phone.

**Ed Ferber** also desires collections or individual postal stationery items in mint, pre-printed or used condition that are unusual in some way. Seeking specialty items such as EFO, plate variety, poor inking, mis-cut, fold-over, illustrated advertisement, exposition, twice used, special delivery, postage due, auxiliary marking (missent, damaged, train late and others). Also want contemporary cards properly used in rate period with solid postmarks.

**Bob Smith** is looking for early USA stamps, mostly Scott No. 500 and earlier in both mint and used. See Bob at the meeting for want list.

Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_, Owner Initials xx \_\_\_\_, Please print or type.

Owner Initials xx	Lot #	Catalog # and/or Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Minimum Bid \$	Winning Bidder #	Winning Bid \$
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